

# Druid Park Lake Drive

## Complete Streets Design Effort

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### Background

The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) is undergoing a Complete Streets planning and concept design project for the two-mile section of Druid Park Lake Drive from the I-83 ramp (Mt. Royal Terrace) to the north entrance of Greenspring Ave.







Druid Park Lake Drive is a major roadway in West Baltimore that wraps around Druid Hill Park. Past studies and plans identified significant safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists seeking to cross Druid Park Lake Drive from adjacent neighborhoods.

By prioritizing fast and high-volume car movement, Druid Park Lake Drive has cut neighborhoods off from Druid Hill Park and has created significant safety concerns for walkers, bikers, people using mobility devices, and other non-vehicular travelers. These concerns include, but are not limited to, 8-10 lanes of traffic, limited intersections, existing crosswalks that are poorly marked, and pedestrian signals that do not provide adequate time for crossing. The corridor also lacks continuous bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

### Overview

The primary goal of the Druid Park Lake Drive Complete Streets Design Effort is to improve the safety of Druid Park Lake Drive for non-vehicular users and to create safe, accessible connections between Druid Hill Park and the neighborhoods bordering the park. Using a combination of previously completed studies of the area, current and future plans, analysis of current conditions, and input from the community, the project team will create a future-minded concept that aims to highlight features of the corridor and reconnect people to the park.

### Project Goals

-  Identify areas of multi-modal improvement
-  Develop methods for traffic calming
-  Identify areas for safer non-vehicular travel and park access
-  Re-integrate roadway sections to become part of the park again
-  Consider new circulation/traffic patterns to highlight historical/structural elements from their original vantage points
-  Design a corridor that models a boulevard concept and incorporates aesthetic elements and ADA features



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### Get Involved

BCDOT is working with local stakeholders, community leaders, and park-goers to learn about people's experience accessing the park and traveling along the Druid Park Lake Drive corridor. For information on upcoming events (on-line and in-person) or to share your thoughts, please visit the project page [transportation.baltimorecity.gov/dpldcsdesigneffort](https://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/dpldcsdesigneffort).

Join the project mailing list by sending a message to [William.Ethridge@baltimorecity.org](mailto:William.Ethridge@baltimorecity.org) with subject line "Please add me to the DPLD mailing list".



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### Baltimore's Modal Hierarchy



### What Are "Complete Streets"?

A Complete Streets approach involves neighborhoods during the planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of roads and transportation networks. This helps put safety over speed, balances the needs of different transportation modes, and supports local communities, economies, local land use, and environments.

Baltimore signed the Complete Streets Ordinance into law in 2016, requiring streets to be designed to accommodate all users. The Complete Streets Manual establishes a modal hierarchy for street design, which prioritizes walking, cycling, public transit and micromobility.

Elements of Complete Streets include improvements such as traffic calming techniques, modified crosswalks, safe bike infrastructure, pedestrian-scale lighting and street trees to address access challenges for bicyclists, pedestrians, and public transit users. By dedicating roadway space to walking, biking, and transit, the notion of designing streets primarily for cars is challenged and an important step is made toward achieving safe and equitable use of streets by all modes of transportation.

For more information on the Baltimore City Complete Streets Manual check it out at <https://baltimoreplanning.konveio.com/draft-baltimore-city-complete-streets-manual>.

